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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004 and telephone conference with the Examiner on September 7, 2004. In the telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that various pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants have placed claims 5, 12, 23, 26, 30 and 33 into independent form. Claim 13 has been amended to include limitations of claims 14-16. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 11, 14-16, 21-22, 24, 27 and 31-32 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5, 7-10, 12-13, 17-20, 23, 26, 28-30 and 33 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection the outstanding rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

## Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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